

Trophy Fish Application Form



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Form must be filled out completely. Please Print.

Angler's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Age of applicant: _____ Do you qualify for the Master Angler Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Fishing License Number (TWRA #) _____

Fish Information

Kind of Fish (species): _____ Date Caught: _____

Length of fish (to the nearest 1/4 inch): _____

Body of Water Where Caught: _____ County: _____

Bait: ☐ Natural ☐ Artificial

Type of Water: ☐ Pond ☐ Reservoir/Lake ☐ River/Stream

Was the fish released? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Length Certification: (A or B)

A. Witness Signature: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

B. Photo: Print your name, birth date, and fish species on back of photo and enclose with application. Photos become property of TWRA and are not returned. Photos may be used in publications.

(Angler sign here) I, _____
hereby affirm that the above information is true and in taking this fish I complied with all state fishing regulations and rules of the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program and that the witness actually witnessed the measuring of the fish and/or the photo is accurate and was not altered in anyway.

Enclose a check or money order for \$5.00
payable to TWRA and mail to:

TARP
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
P.O. Box 41729
Nashville, TN 37204

Many TWRA programs receive Federal financial assistance in Sport Fish and/or Wildlife Restoration. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to: The Office for Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

Tennessee Angler Recognition Program



Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Fisheries Management Division



P.O. Box 40747
Nashville, TN 37204
615-781-6575
www.tnwildlife.org



What is the Tennessee Angler Recognition Program?

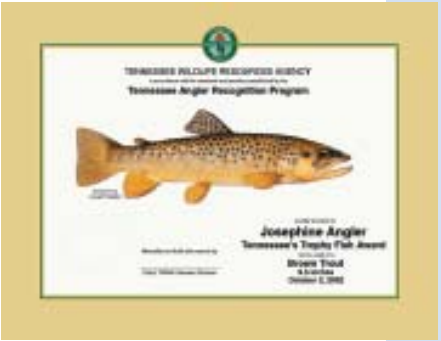
The Tennessee Angler Recognition Program (TARP) allows anglers to have their trophy-size fish recognized by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Anglers of any age, who catch large fish that meet or exceed qualifying lengths, may apply. The TWRA Fisheries Management Division sends these accomplished anglers TARP certificates featuring color reproductions of fish artwork by renowned wildlife artist Joseph R. Tomelleri.

The program is designed to acknowledge anglers for outstanding sportfishing accomplishments, encourage catch-and-release of trophy-size fish, and provide the TWRA with information on large fish caught throughout the state.

TARP should not be confused with the State Record Fish program that recognizes anglers who catch a new state record fish (largest fish recorded for that species in the state). Instead, TARP recognizes anglers who catch trophy-size fish that are not necessarily state records.

Trophy Fish/Master Angler Certificates

TARP features two levels of angler recognition. Anglers catching a fish that meets or exceeds the minimum “trophy” length requirements, listed in the table to the right, will receive a Trophy Fish certificate. These certificates feature Tomelleri artwork representing the species caught by the applicant. In addition, the certificates are printed on quality paper suitable for framing. After anglers catch five trophy-size fish, in any combination, a Master Angler certificate and patch will be awarded at no cost to the angler.



How Do You Qualify?

- The fish must be caught on or after January 1, 2003.
- The fish must meet or exceed the minimum length, listed at the right.
- Persons 13 years of age and older must be licensed anglers and must provide their license number (TWRA #) on the application.
- The fish must be caught legally (in accordance with Tennessee Sportfishing Regulations) in Tennessee waters, by sportfishing methods only (rod and reel or cane pole).
- The length of the fish must be verified by either a witness or a photograph. The witness must complete the section on the application and/or the photo must be of the fish lying flat on top of or beside a measuring rule or tape and included with the application.

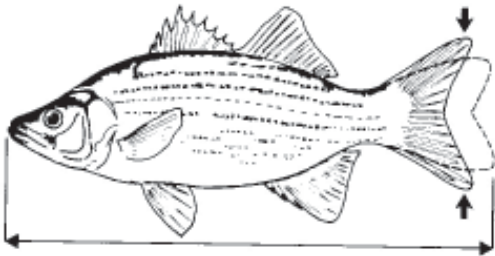
If you believe your catch exceeds the current state record for that species, you should immediately contact a TWRA Fisheries Biologist for positive identification of the fish and the appropriate application.

How Do You Apply?

An application form is located on the back of this brochure. Complete one application form for each fish you are registering. You may include more than one application form per envelope. If the fish length is being verified by photo, the picture must be enclosed with the application. For the Trophy Fish certificate only, a \$5.00 processing fee, per application, must also be enclosed and mailed within 60 days from the date of catch. Make check or money order payable to TWRA and mail, with the application(s), to the address at the bottom of the application. The processing fee is nonrefundable for nonqualifying applications. For further information about TARP or the State Record Fish program, call 615-781-6575 or visit www.tnwildlife.org.

Measuring Your Fish

Lay the fish on top of or beside a flat measuring rule or tape. Do not lay the rule over the curvature of the fish's body. Close the fish's mouth and squeeze the tail lobes together. Measure from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail to the nearest 1/4 inch. See illustration below.



Minimum Trophy Fish Lengths

Species	Length (inches)
Largemouth Bass	22
Spotted Bass	18
Smallmouth Bass	20
Striped Bass	40
Cherokee Bass (Hybrid)	30
White Bass	18
Crappie (White or Black)	14
Bluegill	10
Redear Sunfish	11
Rock Bass	10
Sauger	20
Walleye	28
Muskellunge	40
Brook Trout	10
Brown Trout	26
Rainbow Trout	24
Lake Trout	28
Channel Catfish	30
Blue Catfish	34
Flathead Catfish	34
Common Carp	34